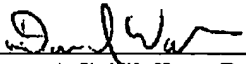
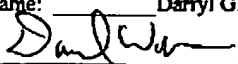


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Application Serial Number: <b>10/658,720</b>		Filing Date: <b>09/09/2003</b>		Examiner: <b>Huynh, Andy</b>		Group Art Unit: <b>2818</b>
Invention: <b>Semiconductor Device and Method of Manufacturing the Same</b>						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	14	MINUS	20	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	\$200	\$ 0.00
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10 A. Introductory Comments

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, and is currently due March 29, 2005.

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